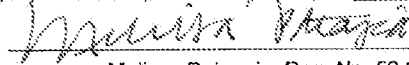


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**Introductory Comments**

On October 4, 2006, Applicant submitted a response to the final Office Action mailed August 4, 2006. According to the Advisory Action mailed October 18, 2006, this Amendment did not place the application in condition for allowance. With this Request for Continued Examination, please consider the following arguments, in response to the August 4, 2006, Office Action, in support of patentability. The Listing of the Claims begins on page 3 and Applicant's Remarks begin on page 6.

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A three-month extension of time is hereby requested to extend the deadline for responding until February 4, 2007. Applicants authorize the Commissioner to charge the extension fee, and any additional fees which may be required to further the prosecution of the captioned application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1620, referencing Attorney Docket No. 00041-DV3.